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1. JP A-2003-331563 - The relevance of this document is discussed at pages 1 and 31 of the specification of the present application.
2. JP 2000-182363 - This document corresponds to EP 0 992 996.

3. JP 11-514482 - This document corresponds to WO 97/05616.
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An English-language abstract for documents 1, 2 and 4 is enclosed.

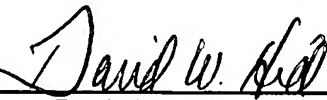
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